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Testimony on HB 5535 *AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY OF  
NONRESIDENTS TO VOTE AT TOWN MEETINGS OR REFERENDA.*

Rep. Sharkey, Sen. Coleman, Members of the Planning and Development Committee, for the record my name is Mary Gadbois of Niantic and I would to respectfully ask that the dollar amount in this legislation be changed from \$25,000 to a much lower dollar figure.

I think that \$7,000 would be a more appropriate figure to reflect the change in dollar value over time, and yet it is low enough to not exclude anyone who has a substantial property interest in a town. I am from a beach community where many residents live their part-time and I think they should still have a say on what goes on in town.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.